

Capsule Summary
for
J. Pierce Farmhouse

June 1991

Mont. Co. survey prefix : 29
Site number : 5
Approx. building date : c. 1880
Town/town vicinity : Potomac
Access : ☐ Public ☒ Private

Short Description of Site:

This is a three-bay, two-story ell-shaped farmhouse, facing north, which appears on the 1894 Hopkins map of the area. The house was faced with German siding with corner boards, which was later covered with stucco on metal lathe. This is currently being removed. Subsequent additions to the house include a one-story shed addition in the angle of the ell, and a three-bay gabled porch with "Tuscan" columns on the east end of the main block, which was added after the house was stuccoed.

Adjacent to the house on the east is a two-car, gable-roofed garage.

To the west of the house is a large paddock. To the southwest is a very large nine-bay cinder block and brick barn, T shaped, with a centered front wall gable and a shed roof over the main door. Two identical smaller barns are located to the northwest and southwest of the main barn. These repeat the materials of the main barn, cinder block first stories, weatherboard above, separated by brick courses.

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Analysis of Evaluation
for
J. Pierce Farmhouse (29/5)

June 1991

Value Descr.			
Outstanding			
Considerable	✓		
Moderate		✓	✓
Minor			
Evaluation Criteria	Arch. Signif.	Arch. Integrity	Historical Signif.

Procedure:

$$\text{Rating} = \frac{\# \text{ of Boxes Selected}}{12} \times 100$$

0 - 25 % = Unqualified
25 - 50 % = Minimal
50 - 75 % = Mid-level
75 - 100% = Good
90 - 100% = Natl. Reg. (with
possible exceptions)

Rating for this site: Mid-level

Criteria:

Arch. Significance - that quality which embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose component may lack individual distinction.

Historical Significance - that quality present in sites associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history.

Arch. Integrity - determined by the number of architectural changes to the site...using the following list as a guide...(and) noting other unusual changes.

Detrimental Changes (depending on the quality of its original character):

- ___ new or relocated chimney
- ___ rebuilt foundation
- ___ new porch
- ___ original windows changed (at a later, but still historical, date)
- ___ modern windows in original frames
- ___ original windows intact but extra ones added
- ___ change in shape or size of window openings
- ___ lack of outbuildings
- ___ aluminum siding (unless original architraves and trim are retained)
- ___ asphalt or asbestos siding (over original siding)
- ___ recent change of location

Critical Changes:

- ___ aluminum siding added; architraves eliminated
- ___ additions engulfing or removing portions of original building

Value Descriptions

Outstanding - distinguished; of particular import. to Md. historic & arch. past.

Considerable - deserving of recognition; contributes to the understanding of history or architectural heritage represented in Maryland

Moderate - commonality...lack of historic signif. or arch. style, except if scarce

Minor - unimportant or inferior; little arch. worth and absence of hist. importance

Site Information Summary

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June 1991

Site number : 29/5
Co. tax account number : 853306
Street address : 11370 River Road
Name of property owner : Mary G. Dean et al
Addr. of property owner : c/o Miles and Stockbridge
22 West Jefferson Street
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Historic Preservation Master Plan Recommendation:

Historic Preservation Ordinance Criteria

(1) *Historical and cultural significance.* The historic resource:

- ☒ a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
- ☐ b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
- ☐ c. Is identified with a person or group of persons who influenced society;
- ☐ d. Exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

(2) *Architectural and design significance.* The historic resource:

- ☒ a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;
- ☐ b. Represents the work of a master;
- ☐ c. Possesses high artistic values;
- ☐ d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- ☒ e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape.

Environmental Setting Recommendation:

The environmental setting should be approximately rectangular in shape and bounded:

- on the north by River Road, approximately 250 feet from the house;
- on the west by a line approximately 700 feet from the house, extending southward from and perpendicular to River Road for approximately 800 feet;
- on the south a line parallel to River Road approximately 500 feet from the

Site Information Summary (cont.)

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house and intersecting the east and west boundary lines noted herein; and
on the east by a line approximately 800 feet from the house, extending southward from and perpendicular to River Road for approximately 800 feet.

The environmental setting includes the house, garage, main barn, paddock, two smaller barns and the surrounding fields to the rows of mature trees on the east and west.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M: 29-5

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Josiah Pierce Farmhouse

and/or common Grady Gore Farm

2. Location

street & number 11370 River Road not for publicationcity, town Potomac vicinity of congressional district 6state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>X</u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>yes: restricted</u>	<u>government</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u>
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u>military</u>

<u>museum</u>
<u>park</u>
<u>X</u> private residence
<u>religious</u>
<u>scientific</u>
<u>transportation</u>
<u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary G. Dean et al

street & number c/o Miles & Stockbridge
22 West Jefferson Street telephone no.: (301) 762-3600

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 9225

street & number folio 0800

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Historic Sites Survey

date 1976 federal X state X county local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: The main house is run down, but retains sufficient integrity to be significant architecturally as an example of a late nineteenth century farmhouse. The porch and shed addition could be removed, along with the stucco, and the house would regain its nineteenth century character. Its siting (surrounded by large trees which denote its original front entrance) adds to its nineteenth century ambience.

Description: This is a three-bay, two-story ell-shaped farmhouse, facing north, which appears on the 1894 Hopkins map of the area. The house was faced with German siding with corner boards, which was later covered with stucco on metal lathe. This is currently being removed. The flashing for an earlier wrap-around one story porch with a hipped roof is apparent on the front facade. The front door is centered on the facade, and surmounted by a narrow single light transom. It has a plain architrave, missing the top piece. The windows are 6/6, with plain framing about 4" wide. They have louvred blinds. There are two plain chimneys through the roof at either end of the main block. The sill plate for the original house is a rough cut beam. There are no windows apparent on the west end of the house at this time, though when the plaster and vines are removed, windows might be revealed. According to the caretaker, some of the floor boards and joists under the first floor remain over the basement.

It appears that the ell may have been built somewhat later than the main block. The architraves on the windows of the ell are narrower than those on the main block, and the chimney is corbelled, with a belt course, unlike those on the main block. The gable end of the ell has no openings.

Subsequent additions to the house include a one-story shed addition in the angle of the ell, and a three-bay gabled porch with "Tuscan" columns on the east end of the main block, which was added after the house was stuccoed. The porch is supported on cinder blocks, which were widely used after 1930. (They could, of course, have replaced earlier supports.) The shed addition, which appears to contain a bathroom, is covered with plain weatherboard under the stucco. One of its two windows has been stuccoed over. It is possible to surmise that the house was stuccoed when the property was acquired by the Martins in the 1930s, in order to make it harmonize with the other Marwood estate properties, all of which were stuccoed.

A metal bulkhead entrance to the basement is located next to the shed addition at the rear of the main block. The foundation of the house has been parged with smooth stucco, which has also been used to repair the original rough stucco at various places around the building.

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There are large cherry trees on either side of the front door of the house, and evergreens planted at the corner of the yard where the roads diverge to go to the garage or to the barn. Other large trees survive along the east side of the driveway to the garage.

Outbuildings: Adjacent to the house on the east is a two-car, gable-roofed garage, which may date from the 1930s or 1940s. There is a six-light window with louvred blinds in the front gable over the two garage doors. Hinges from the original garage doors remain, although they have been replaced with roll-up doors. There are two windows on each side of the garage, and three (one in the gable) on the rear elevation. Vertical siding on the garage was covered with exterior plywood and painted white.

To the west of the house is a large paddock. To the southwest is a very large nine-bay cinder block and brick barn, T shaped, with a centered front wall gable and a shed roof over the main door. The shed roof is supported by bracketed posts. The barn has three cupolas, all with pyramidal hip roofs and louvered vents. The central cupola is large with a curved "cat slide" hipped roof and a weather vane.

The barn's lower story is cinder block, and its upper story is white weatherboard. The two are separated by three courses of brick. The roof is green asphalt shingle. Windows in the barn are nine-light awning style.

Two identical smaller barns are located to the northwest and southwest of the main barn. These repeat the materials of the main barn, cinder block first stories, weatherboard above, separated by brick courses. They both have gable roofs with a central front gable over the main door. Under the central gable on the second story is a large board and batten door with strap hinges. The windows appear to have been shortened by brick infill.

The barns are of more recent construction.

Researcher: Susan Escherich, May 1991.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1880 Builder/Architect Builder: J. Pierce; Architect ---

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The J. Pierce farmhouse is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. In addition it has served as the farmhouse for Marwood, the estate of Colonel H. Grady Gore, since 1943.

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture
2. Geographic Organization: Piedmont (Montgomery County)
3. Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.
4. Resource Type(s): Livestock/Dairy Farms

The house was probably built about 1883 by John P. Connell, a farmer, on 118 acres of land tracts which he purchased in 1881 from the Fisher family and included 'Dung Hill' and 'River Tract'.^{1, 2}

"In April of 1886, the (Connell) farm was put up for sale. It was advertised as 118 acres fronting on the River Road, 1 1/2 miles from Potomac (adjoining the lands of William Dooley and William Connell). At least 100 acres were then cleared and under cultivation with the balance in woodland. The improvements to the farm consisted of a two story frame house of six rooms and a cellar, a stable, corn house, poultry house and other outbuildings. The farm was sold to Josiah Pierce for \$2,655.³

"Following the death of Mary Pierce, Josiah's wife, the farm was sold by a court appointed trustee to George M. Offutt for \$2,837.25 in March of 1898.⁴
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² Equity #177-1871, EBP 11/169, Montgomery County Judgment Records.

³ Equity #627, JA 7/417, Montgomery County Judgment Records.

⁴ Deed TD 2/388, Montgomery County Land Records.

George lived in the house with his wife, Amy, and their two children, Lillie and Charles, until his death in February of 1907. After George's death, Amy rented the farm out. Because she was in no position to farm the land herself and was afraid that the farm would depreciate in value if she continued to rent it out, she requested that the farm be sold.⁵ Thus, it was sold by a court appointed trustee in March of 1910 to Jesse H. Magruder.⁶

"Jesse Magruder sold the farm in October of 1930 to Samuel K. Martin.⁷ Martin was an extremely wealth businessman. After purchasing the farm, he began to build a large estate house on it (Marwood), but died before it was finished. His wife Jane Martin (later, Jane Pulitzer) lived in the new house (the J. Pierce house was from that time on tenanted out) until 1943 when the entire property was sold to Col. H. Grady Gore and his wife, Jamie."^{8, 9}

Gore was a successful realtor who served in the Eisenhower Administration and was an influential figure in Maryland politics for many years. The Colonel raised prime beef cattle on his property in Potomac.¹⁰ The house is still in the Gore family.

⁵ Equity #2514, Montgomery County Judgment Records.

⁶ Deed 212/202, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁷ Deed, 512/207, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁸ Deed, 911/92, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁹ Michael F. Dwyer, Maryland Historical Trust, "State Historic Sites Inventory Form", Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 2/28/75.

¹⁰ Ann Harris, Potomac Adventure, Potomac, Md., 1976.

Montgomery County Land, Tax, and Equity Records
Interview with Ms. Louise Gore, April, 1991.
Ann Harris, Potomac Adventure, Potomac, Maryland, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 191.99 ac (H. Grady Gore estate)
Quadrangle name Rockville Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification The J. Pierce Farmhouse is located on the H. Grady Gore estate, whose boundaries are the lot lines which define parcel #445, south of River Road and north of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and which are boldly delineated on the accompanying tax map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Lois Snyderman and Susan Escherich, Historic Preservation Consultants		
organization	date	June 1991	
street & number	8804 Spring Valley Road	telephone	(301) 654-6423
city or town	Chevy Chase	state	Maryland 20815

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M: #29-5

Magi No. 1607525604

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic J. Pierce Farmhouse

and/or common Grady Gore Farm

2. Location

street & number 11300 River Rd. (opposite Piney Meeting house ~~not~~ for publication)

city, town Potomac vicinity of congressional district 10th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
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<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Gore Family

street & number 11300 River Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Potomac state and zip code Md., 20854

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 911

street & number folio 92

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed </div>	
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered </div>	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p> This is a late-19th Century, two-story, frame farmhouse that faces north, opposite Piney Meetinghouse Rd. The main (north) facade has three bays, with a central door. There are stove-type chimneys in the end walls. Windows appear to be 2/2, and have wooden cornices and sills. The siding is German. Several lower additions are built onto the east end. </p>		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. Significance

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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

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and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

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⁷Deed 512/207, " "

⁸Ann Harris, Potomac Adventure, A Bicentennial America in Potomac Publication, Potomac, Md. 1976.

⁹Deed 911/92 Mont. Co. Land Records

¹⁰Potomac Adventure

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Judgement Records
Potomac Adventure

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 191.99 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization M.C. Hist. Preservation Comm.date 1/83

street & number

telephone

city or town Rockvillestate Maryland

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Grady Gore Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
J. Pierce Farm				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
11300 River Rd., opposite Piney Meetinghouse Rd.				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Potomac				
STATE			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Col. H. Grady Gore				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
(Fairfax Hotel) 2100 Mass. Ave., N.W.				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Washington, D.C.				
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Rockville			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a late-19th Century, two-story, frame farmhouse that faces north, opposite Piney Meetinghouse Rd. The main (north) facade has three bays, with a central door. There are stove-type chimneys in the end walls. Windows appear to be 2/2, and have wooden cornices and sills. The siding is German. Several lower additions are built onto the east end.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

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☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Like most of the surviving Potomac area houses, this one has a distinctly late-19th Century appearance. It was probably built ca. 1880's, by the Pierce family. J. Pierce had a 116 ac. farm here in 1894.

The present owner, Col. Grady Gore, has been an influential figure in Md. politics during this century. His daughter, Louise Gore, was a Republican candidate for Governor during this past election.

The Col. has operated a prime beef cattle farm here for years. This is the farmhouse for the property, which includes the opulent mansion "Marwood".

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES						
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA						
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:						
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11. FORM PREPARED BY						
NAME AND TITLE:						
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian						
ORGANIZATION				DATE		
M-NCPPC				2/28/75		
STREET AND NUMBER:						
8787 Georgia Ave.						
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE			
Silver Spring			Maryland			
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)						
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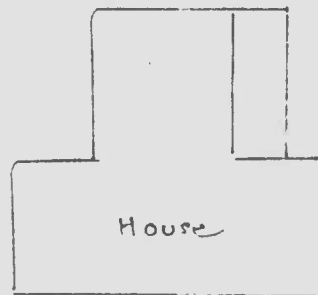
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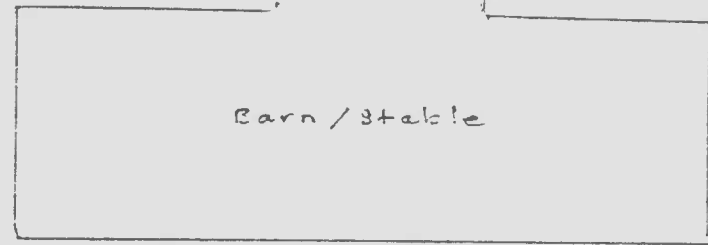
Pierce Farmhouse
Not to scale



Garage



House



Barn/stable



Paddock

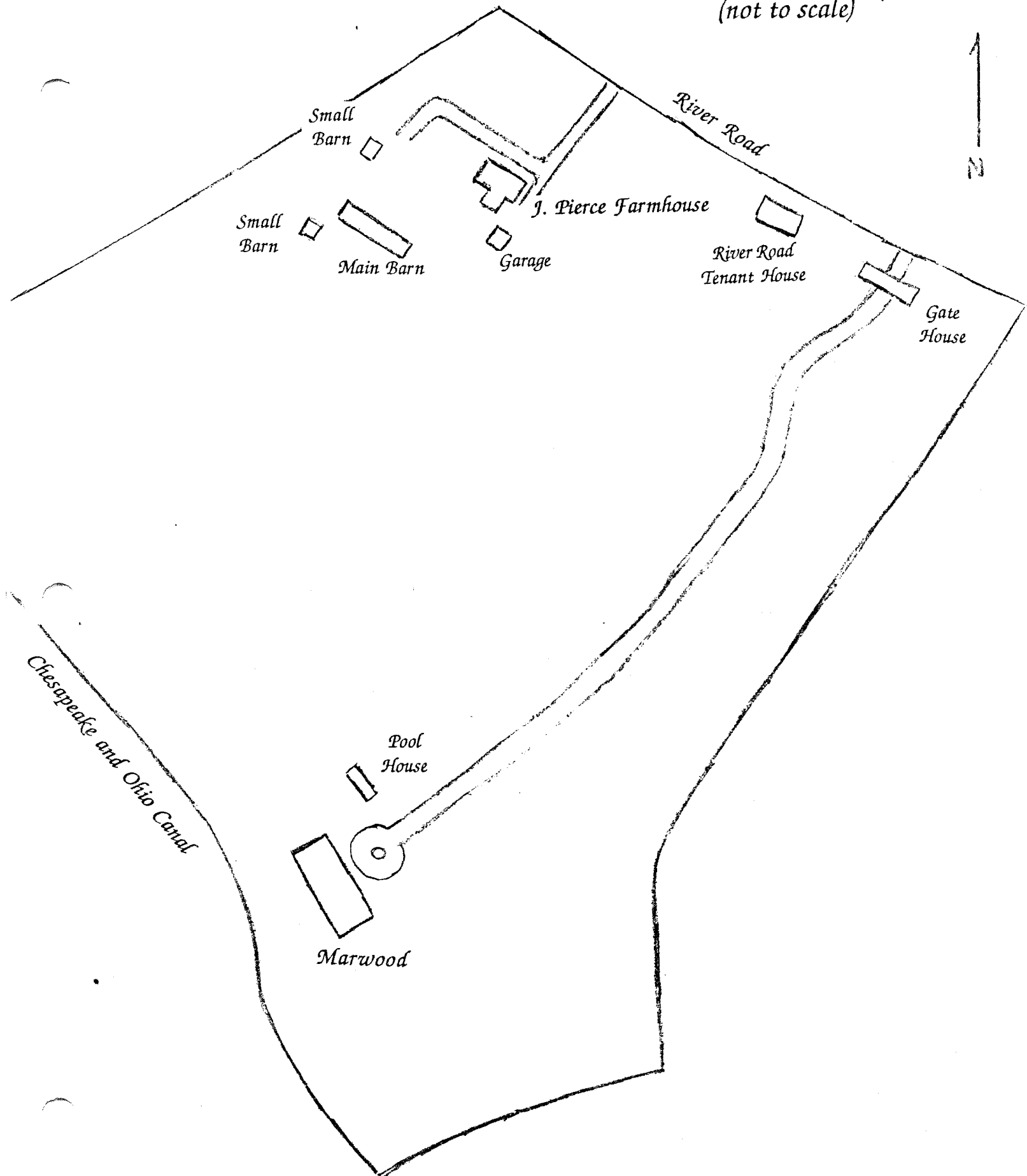


Barn

Barn



Sketch
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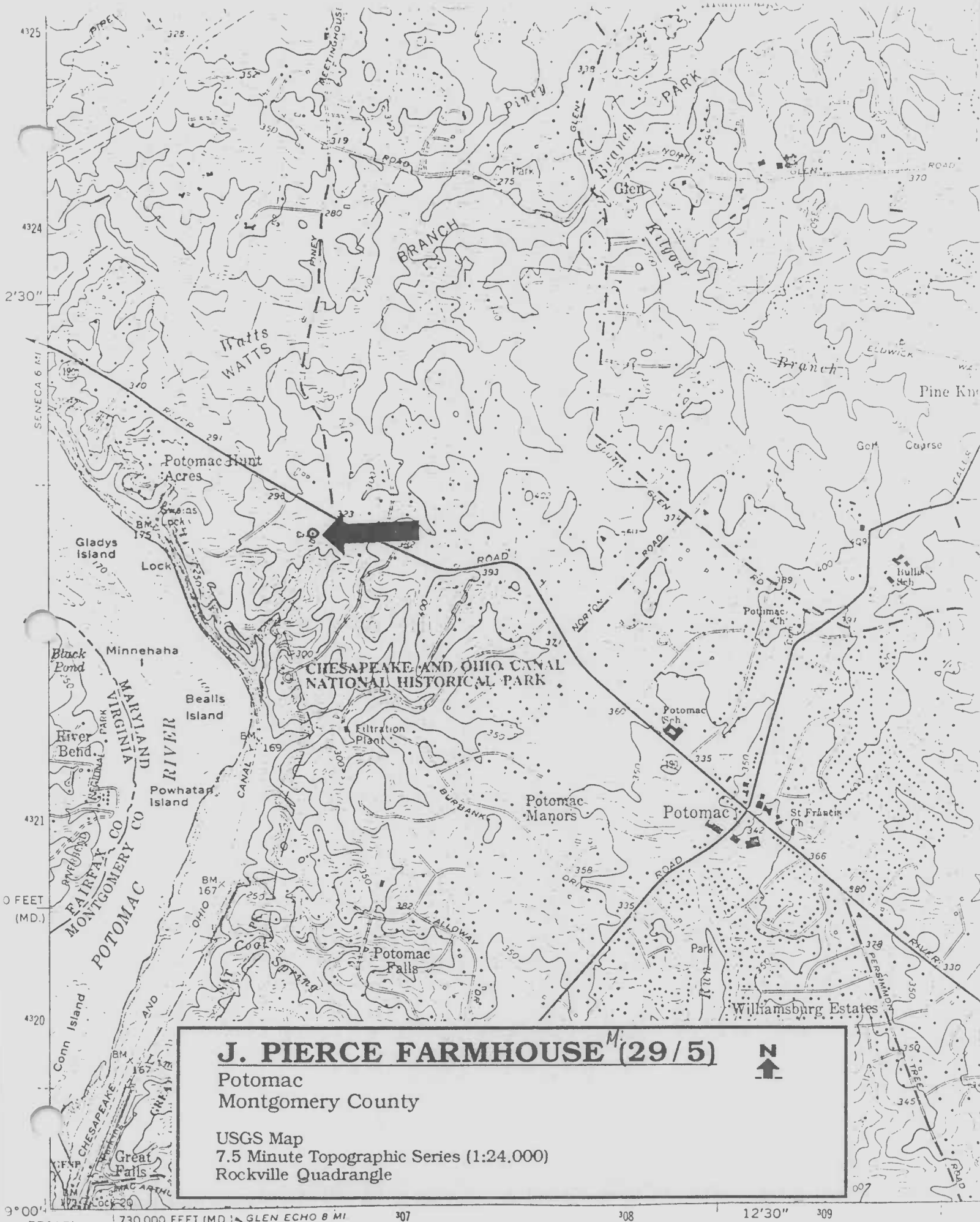


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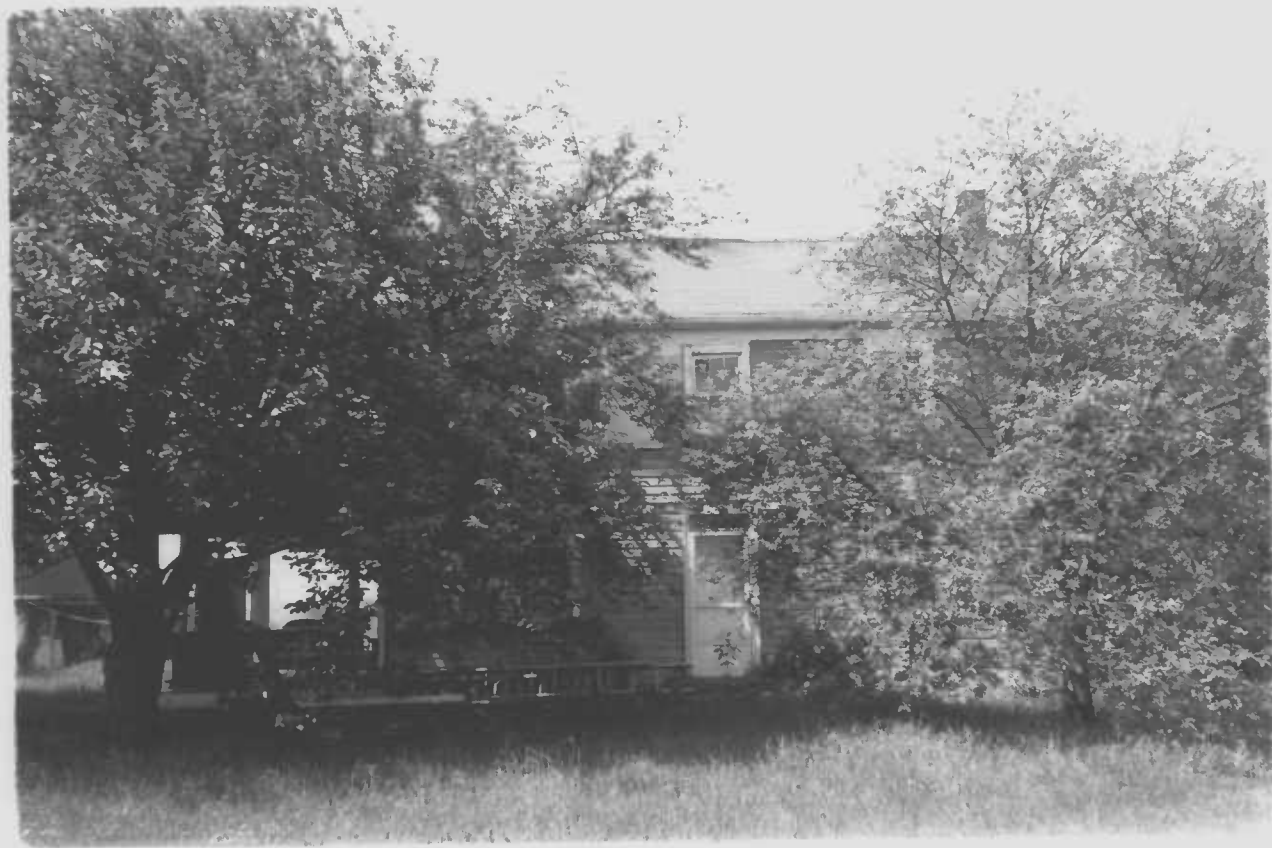
J. PIERCE FARMHOUSE^M (29/5)

Potomac
Montgomery County



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Rockville Quadrangle

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J Perce Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L. Snyderman 5/91

Neg - Mont Co Hist Pres Comm

House Main (N) elevation



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J. Pierce Farmhouse

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House - south elev.



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J. Pierce Farmhouse

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Neg - Mont Co Hist Pres Comm

House - east elev



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Weg - Mont Co Hist Pres Comm

Garage - N elev.



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J. Pierce Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

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Neg Mont Co Hist Pres Comm

Large barn - Main (N) elev. & east elev.



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J. Pierce Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L. Snyderman

Neg - Mont Co Hist Presl Comm

Small barn - man (to) elev



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S. Pierce Farmhouse

Mont Co. MD

by L. Snyderman 5/91

Neg - Mont Co Hist Pres. Comm

Setting - looking south



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J Pierce Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L. Snyderman 5/91

Neg - Mont Co Hist. Pres. Comm

House - W elev